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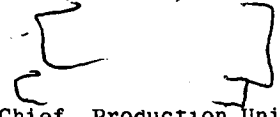
MEMORANDUM FOR: SB/NSP

SUBJECT : Visit to Estonian Consulate General
Aleks Kurgvel (T)

REFERENCE: Memo 17 Feb 1970
Aspects for a German Pension for Services in WWII

1. The attached memorandum from Mr. Aleks Kurgvel of this Unit covers his recent visit to the Estonian Consulate General in New York. The visit was made at our request in order to elicit information concerning Mr. Kurgvel's chances of securing some sort of pension from blocked Estonian funds.

2. As indicated in the attached memorandum, there is no possibility for a pension from this source. This information combined with the previous memorandum concerning his visit to the German Consulate General confirms that Mr. Kurgvel would receive Social Security benefits and a small Civil Service pension after retirement. According to your figures, his income after retirement would be only \$250.00 per month. Therefore, the need for an additional monthly emolument is still indicated.


Chief, Production Unit

Attachment:

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10 March 1970

TO: C

FROM: Aleks KURGVEL.

SUBJECT: Aspects for an Estonian Pension for my Services in the Estonian Army, to be paid from the Estonian Funds in the Free World.

1. Following the received instructions, I went yesterday to the Consulate General of Estonia in New York and I spoke with the Consul General Ernst Jaakson about the possibilities of receiving such a pension. I told Mr. Jaakson that I joined the U.S. Forces as an Estonian officer upon the advice of the late Mr. Rei, the head of the Government of the Republic of Estonia.
2. Mr. Jaakson said that such a pension is impossible because:
 - a) The gold reserves of the Republic of Estonia are blocked or have been taken over by the countries where these reserves were deposited, and these reserves are not under the control of any representative of the Republic of Estonia.
 - b) There are no large enough Estonian funds in the free world out of which pensions could be paid to thousands of people who would be entitled for pensions for their services in Estonia.
 - c) The amount of money annually released by the foreign countries for the Estonian Representatives are so limited that there are no possibilities to pay pensions even to the wives of the official representatives of Estonia who died in the free world, not to speak of thousands of entitled claimants.
 - d) The consular agreement, signed between the United States and Estonia in 1925, is still in force and has recently been applied in a case of a resident Estonian who resisted the draft into the U.S. Forces.
3. Referring to item 7 of my letter from 30 January, I would like to add that now, after I had to use my cover of working with the U.S. Army when speaking with the Consul General of Estonia, it is the more advisable that I could retain my U.S. Army cover in my retirement. A military pension would be a best possible backstopping of this cover.

Aleks Kurgvel
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